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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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**ABSTRACT**

A simple and safe method for producing optically active 1,4-benzodioxane derivatives useful as intermediates for pharmaceuticals and the like from inexpensive materials is provided. An optically active triol compound produced by reaction of catechol and optically active 3-halogeno-1,2-propanediol is sulfonylated to form optically active trisulfonate, followed by cyclization with a base to yield optically active 1,4-benzodioxane.